(b) if so, what are the guidelines given to public sector banks for assessment of working captial finance of corporate customers/existing borrowers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had, in 1975, prescribed norms for fixing Maximum Permissible Bank Finance (MPBF), based on the recommendations of a Study Group headed by the then Chairman of Punjab National Bank. Over the years, various improvements have been introduced in the loan delivery system. In April, 1997, norms for assessment of working capital needs, based on the concept of MPBF, were withdrawn by RBI. Banks are now free to evolve, with the approval of their Board of Directors, methods for assessing the working capital requirements according to their own perception of the borrower, also the credit needed by the borrower. Banks have been advised to lay down transparent policy and guidelines for credit dispensation in respect of each broad category of economic activity. Banks, do however, continue to be governed by the exposure norms relating to single/group borrower(s) and pudential norms prescribed by RBI.

Smuggling of Narcotic Substances

*224. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past, there has been an increase; in smuggling of heroin, opium and other prohibited narcotic substances into the country;

(b) if so, the details of heroin, opium, etc., seized by police in different States during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Seizures do not indicate any significant increase in the smugling of heroin, opium and other prohibited narcotic drugs into the country.

(b) State-wise details, of all types of drugs seized by the State Police and other Agencies during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 is enclosed in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps to put an effective check on drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up the enforcement efforts, training of the enforcement officers, close interaction between the agencies of the Centre and ; the State Governments, neutralizing drug syndicates by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of the police and security forces, fencing and flood lighting of the Indo-Pak border, vesting of powers in the Border Security Force and the Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs, notifying certain precursor chemcials, *viz.*, Acetic Anhydride, Ephedrine, etc., as 'Controlled Substances' under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, quarterly coordination meetings of the Narcotics Control Bureau with all Central and State Agencies concerned, holding of periodic bilateral meetings of the Indian and Pakistani Anti-Narcotics Agencies, etc.

Statement

State-wise details of drugs (Opium. Morphine, Heroin, Ganja, Hashish, Coacaine, and Methaqualone) seized during the last three years as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies as on 30.06.2002

(in kgs.)

S.No.	Name of States	Years		
		1999	2000	2001
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	3.55	5.95	—
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1716.55	32699.80	16040.00
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.11	331.24	72.08
4.	Assam	5244.54	11971.96	12252.87
5.	Bihar	924.17	1489.43	3484.00
6.	Chandigarh	22.43	19.94	8.75
7.	Delhi	6396.70	4472.69	10889.27
8.	Gujarat	751.70	988.44	850.77
9.	Goa	250.47	85.21	22.00
10.	Himachal Pradesh	137.99	307.43	226.24
11.	Haryana	420.65	4096.69	139.38

S.No.	Name of States	Year		
		1999	2000	2001
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	192.66	470.16	319.64
13.	Karnataka	0.00	6.68	—
14.	Kerala	46.32	15.30	256.38
15.	Meghalaya	21.602	768.61	896.53
16.	Maharashtra	7190.49	8758.13	6156.35
17.	Manipur	4600.92	6074.42	7754.55
18.	Madhya Pradesh	667.83	800.84	871.34
19.	Mizoram	32.97	55.06	27.75
20.	Nagaland	2998.05	13010.52	10984.08
21.	Orissa	15.54	179.13	3696.60
22.	Punjab	429.98	995.91	626.37
23.	Pondicherry	1.07	0.93	.67
24.	Rajasthan	1163.93	1348.39	1833.34
25.	Tamil Nadu	6133.68	2671.51	4569.63
26.	Tirpura	17.01	452.90	53.60
27.	Uttar Pradesh	6589.51	11289.48	12960.83
28.	West Bengal	749.24	5602.45	671.28
29.	Daman & Diu	22.2	0.00	—

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*225. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount and the details of the Projects sanctioned from Rs. 100 crore fund allocated for 2600th Bhagwan Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Mahotsav, State-wise, till today, and

(b) what is the number of proposals which are still under consideration for approval?